

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO
THE FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY,

My Chairman and Members of the Authority,

I have pleasure in submitting the annual report for the
year ended December 31st, 1957.

There has been no event out of the ordinary during
the past year. We will be sorry not again to have the
experience of having the "Falmouth" sailing during the week
of winter.

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The report for the year ended 31st December, 1957, is
submitted, and two of the main items of work are
under review, and are being carried out.

Perhaps the most unusual event was the arrival of the
"Falmouth" to land the injured man, who was brought
from the "Falmouth" hospital.

The medical cases in the hospital were similar to the
types. I am glad to report that there were no complicated or
serious types.

For instance, Mr. Jackson, is, as always, a great help in
carrying out the examinations, and it is a pleasure to be able
to have him always to carry on with his work.

I have the pleasure in again reporting on the cooperation of
the staff and co-operation received from the various departments, the
shipping agents, and shipping clerks. Also the always efficient
reports received, and are responsible for the transport and
handling of stretchers, and also other various medical
equipment.

I remain, Sir, Sirs, and Members,
Your obedient servant,

A. C. C. C. C.

1st January, 1958.

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To:-

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Authority,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1957.

There has been no event out of the ordinary happening during the past year. Many will be sorry not again to have the pleasure of seeing the "PAMIR" sailing across Falmouth Bay and renewing contacts made with the personnel during her visits to Falmouth.

Forty-two visits were made into the Bay, to examine and arrange for transport to Hospital, and Two hundred and sixty-eight to patients on board vessels in the Docks.

The notifiable diseases have been very low. One only of measles, and two of pneumonia. These from ships in the Docks under repair, and not from foreign.

Perhaps the most unusual event was the arrival of H.M.S. "ARK ROYAL" to land one injured man of French nationality, picked up from a French trawler.

The medical cases in the Docks were mainly of the Influenzal type. I am glad to report that there were no complicated or serious types.

Your Inspector, Mr. Jackett, is, as always, a great help in carrying out the Inspections, and it is a pleasure to me to know that he has been allowed to carry on with his work.

May I have the pleasure in again recording my appreciation of the help and co-operation received from H.M. Customs Officers, the Shipping Agents, and boarding clerks. Also the always cheerful and capable boatmen, who are responsible for the transport and handling of stretcher cases, very often under awkward weather conditions.

I remain, Mr. Chairman and Members,
Your obedient Servant,

A. CECIL DICK
M.R.C.S. Eng. L.R.C.P. Lond.

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THE TOWN AND TOWN BOARD AUTHORITY FOR
THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1937.

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THE TOWN AND TOWN BOARD AUTHORITY.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Authority,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the

year ended December 31st, 1937.

There has been no event out of the ordinary happening during
the past year. Many will be sorry not again to have the pleasure
of seeing the "TAMER" sailing across Falmouth Bay and returning
contacts made with the personnel during her visits to Falmouth.
Forty-two visits were made into the Bay, to examine and serve
for transport to Hospital, and two hundred and sixty-eight to port
on board vessels in the docks.

The notifiable diseases have been very few. One only of
measles, and two of pneumonia. These from ships in the docks
under report, and not from foreign.

Perhaps the most unusual event was the arrival of H.M.S. "ARK
ROYAL" to land one injured man of French nationality, picked up
from a French trawler.

The medical cases in the docks were mainly of the infectious
type. I am glad to report that there were no complicated or
serious types.

Your Inspector, Mr. Jackson, is, as always, a great help in
carrying out the inspections, and it is a pleasure to me to know
that he has been allowed to carry on his work.

May I have the pleasure in again expressing my appreciation of
the help and co-operation received from the various divisions, the
Shipping Agents, and hospital clerks. Also the always cheerful

capsule-postmen, who are responsible for the transport and
handling of infectious cases, very often under awkward weather
conditions.

I remain, Mr. Chairman and Members,
Yours faithfully,
A. G. GILL

M.D.C. & M. A.H.S. Falmouth.



1. STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
D. HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952	-	-
J.W.MORTON	Treasurer	28 December, 1951	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Falmouth.
A.C.DICK	Port Medical Officer of Health	2 February, 1945	M.R.C.S.Eng. L.R.C.P.Lond.	-
H.R.T.DEVLIN	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 April, 1955	M.B., B.Ch., Dublin	-
F.JACKETT	Port Health Inspector	1 October, 1940	Cert.R.San.I.	-

Address and telephone number of)
the Medical Officer of Health)

17 Boscawen Road, Falmouth.
Tel. Falmouth 226.

Address and telephone number of		Name of Officer	
J. JACKSON		Port Health Officer of Health	
J. H. T. HEATH		Port Medical Officer	
J. C. DICK		Treasurer	
J. W. HODGSON		Clerk	
J. HALL			

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II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	512	1,223,400	57	384	None
Coastwise	768	1,233,662	21	618	None
Total	1,280	2,457,062	78	1,002	None

III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic.....	(Number of passengers INWARDS Nil. (Number of passengers OUTWARDS Nil.
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS General cargo, including (food produce, coal, (cement, timber, oil and (petroleum spirit. (Principal EXPORTS None.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Aalborg, Abadan, Abidjan, Aden, Algiers, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Aruba, Baltimore, Bermuda, Berre, Bone, Borkum, Boulogne, Bilbao, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Brest, Caen, Cadiz, Calais, Cape Town, Cardon, Casablanca, Cherbourg, Cork, Cuba, Christmas Island, Dakar, Donges, Dublin, Duclais, Dunkirk, Emden, Fecamp, Freemantle, Freeport, Freetown, Frederiksund, Gdynia, Gothenburg, Grangeville, Halifax N.S., Hamburg, Harburg, Harlingen, Honfluer, Horta, Huelva, Kalmar, Kemi, Kiel, Killingholm, Klaipeda, Kobh, Lagos, LeLegue, LeHavre, Little Aden, Lubeck, Lulia, Malaga, Malmo, Men-a-Ahmadi, Morlaix, Murmansk, New Orleans, Newport News. Norfolk V., Oakmis, Odense, Oporto, Oslo, Paris, Philadelphia, Ponta Delagada, Quimper, Rotterdam, Rouen, Salida, San Sebastian, San Juan, Seven Islands, St.Johns, Stockholm, St.Malo, Stettin, Spezia, Takoradi, Tonsberg, Treport, Valencia, Venice, Victoria (Brazil), Waban, Walleroo, Womerver, Ymuiden, Zeebrugge.

IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

V. WATER SUPPLY

No Change.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

No Change.

VII. SMALLPOX

All cases or suspected cases of smallpox may be sent to Lee Mill Hospital, Near Ivybridge, Devon.

Ambulances for the transport of such cases would be supplied by the Cornwall County Council who are also responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crew.

The smallpox consultants available are -

Dr. D. F. Johnstone,
The Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.
(Tel. Plymouth 4311 and 61437).

Dr. W. A. Lister,
7 The Crescent, Plymouth.

Specimens for laboratory diagnosis would be sent to The Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9. (Tel. Colindale 7041).

VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

No Change.

IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

X. OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of Malaria has been observed during the past year.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Vessels are boarded by the Port Health Inspector as soon as possible after arrival, and unless the Masters produce recently issued certificates, inspections are extended to the hold, etc., in order to ascertain the rat population. Where indications of

rat infestation are found traps are set and poison baits are laid, and in cases where the deratting certificate had expired and indications of rodent infestation are found, the vessel is ordered to be fumigated.

Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological Examination of Rodents

Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents at the Royal Infirmary, Pathological Department, Truro.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements for deratting ships and methods used

Deratting of ships is normally carried out entirely by fumigation by hydrogen cyanide. The work is carried out by a commercial contractor, Fumigation Services Ltd., of London.

Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

Vessels are found to be largely rat-proof.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR
IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-

TABLE F
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED
DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Deratting Certificates issued						
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total	Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates issued
HCN 1	Other fumigant 2 (State Method)	3	4	5		
2	-	-	2	4	74	78

XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
Inspection of Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	1,002	Nil	141	All notices complied with
Re-visits	1,612	Nil	-	-
Total	2,614	Nil	141	

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

No Change.

XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

Dr. Albert Cecil Dick, Port Medical Officer of Health.

Other Staff

None.

Organisation of Works and Nature and Amount of Alien Traffic

Falmouth is an approved Port under the Aliens Order for the landing of aliens but there is little or no aliens traffic in the Port. In the event, however, of aliens arriving arrangements would be made for medical inspection to be carried out on board. It has not been thought necessary to make any special arrangements for providing accommodation for medical inspection and examination ashore.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No Change.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To:

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957.

SHIP INSPECTION

During the year 1,002 vessels were inspected and 141 of them were found to have nuisances or defects on board.

Vessels on entering the Port are visited as soon as possible and enquiries made concerning the health of the crew, the occurrence of any sickness during the voyage, the condition of the water supply tanks and bilges and the presence of animals or parrots on board. The Deratting or Deratting Exemption Certificate is inspected and if found to be in order I am accompanied by a Ship's Officer to examine the sanitary condition of the vessel. During the inspection I point out any defects or nuisances and suggest the remedy to be adopted. The shipping companies are always ready and willing to remedy any such defects or nuisances which have been brought to their notice.

It was not necessary to serve any statutory notices. Verbal and informal notices were given, as a result of which all the nuisances and defects were remedied before the vessels left the Port again. 1,612 re-visits were made in connection with nuisances and defects, rat destruction etc.

Dirt, Vermin and other Conditions Prejudicial to Health

Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health and structural defects caused through wear and tear such as dirty and/or verminous crews' quarters, foul water closets, choked scuppers, dirty food and clothes lockers accounted for the majority of the nuisances.

Various methods are adopted to free the vessels from vermin, disinfectation being carried out by pressure spraying

an insecticide, fumigation by Hydrogen Cyanide, Gammaxine or D.D.T. The resin lacquer incorporating an insecticide applied to the appropriate places preferably by means of a fine spray gun. The property of the lacquer is to extrude on to its surface minute crystals of the insecticide in the form of a bloom. The lacquer has a long life under normal conditions, is hard and resistant to washing soda and therefore can be washed repeatedly which assists in promoting further blooms of the insecticide. Practical experience of this method has shown that a complete clearance of vermin is obtained within a period of about 4 weeks and the insecticide remains active up to two years. Many shipping companies have now adopted this latter method of vermin control and when it has been applied to all parts of the accommodation has proved very effective.

Structural Defects caused through Wear and Tear

Defective port frames and linings, broken glasses, defective water closets, leaky deck heads and defective heating apparatus, bunks and lockers were responsible for the greater number of this type of defect. Other defects dealt with were defective showers, water service pipes and floors and leaky sky lights.

FOOD INSPECTION

No imported foodstuffs are discharged within the Port Health District. Food on vessels intended for ships' provisions are inspected by officers of the Ministry of Transport.

The only food coming under the Authority's notice is food intended for ships' provisions and temporarily landed into store while a vessel is undergoing repair.

Food condemned and disposed of for purposes other than human consumption were 30 lbs of Frankfurter sausages.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951

No Rodent Control Certificate has been issued under the above

Order during the year.

The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations
1925-1948

No action necessary.

The Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926

No action necessary.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK JACKETT

Port Health Inspector

Order during the year.

The Public Health Representative class in food regulations

1935-1936

No action necessary.

The Public Health (Inspector Milk) Regulations, 1935

No action necessary.

I am, ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK JACKETT

Port Health Inspector

